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something that can be depended on about Mr. Daniels. If he is the paragon of incompetence you make him appear, then why should Admiral Dewey take time to speak well of him, and why should President Wilson keep him on the job?

JAS. W. MARSHALL.

JUNCTION CITY, ARK.

[Admiral Dewey has been quoted as speaking both favorably and unfavorably of Mr. Daniels. President Wilson has kept him in office for "counsel in intimate fashion" and, if re-elected, will undoubtedly retain him for another four years.—EDITOR.]

UNPALATABLE MEDICINE

SIR,—I have read in the September number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* your dialogue discussing The Political Situation. Frankly, I feel that it savors of unfairness to put forward, in the guise of a Democrat, the worthy (?) Mr. Worthington, and to put in his mouth the words and phrases of a strongly partisan Republican. The gentleman you personify could never have been a Democrat and so grudgingly allow credit to the Party for its notable achievements of the past four years—more remarkable in view of the peculiarly unsettled conditions existing.

Can you not administer this campaign "medicine" in more palatable form?

GEO. A. LOVEJOY.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

A PERFECT JOY

SIR,—You are doing fine things right along. Exceptionally fine was your tribute to James Whitcomb Riley, which came under my eye only yesterday. It is a bit of real literature—a classic of its kind—and I am preserving it for my children and my children's children. Possibly it touched my heart all the more closely because of my love of Riley, developed in Hoosierdom decades ago, when we were "so happy and so pore."

Let me also say to you that I find *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* a perfect joy. I impatiently wait its coming and revel in its contents. More power to you! And may the Presidential hand-picking you are doing at this juncture, which I approve most heartily, not go awry in November or ultimately.

SCOTT C. BONE.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

HIS SEVENTEENTH PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

SIR,—Please accept my congratulations to you for having dropped Woodrow Wilson. His heartless treatment of Smith was *damnable*. To stick to one's friends through thick and thin, especially in political matters, is my golden rule. I am ninety-two past, and I hope to cast my seventeenth Presidential vote for a man who, whatever turns up in domestic or foreign affairs, will instinctively know what a President of the United States ought to do, and who has the backbone to do it.

H. H. THOMPSON.

PASSAIC, N. J.